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CERTIFICATION

The undersigned hereby certifies in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e)(1) that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

A translation of a portion of a Korean Office Action that issued July 26, 2002 with respect to a counterpart Korean patent application is provided below.

"The invention of the present application, which, in a speed transformer for transforming the speed with which packets are transmitted between a first communications node and a second communications node that are each connected to a first IEEE-1394 serial bus and a second IEEE-1394 serial bus, provides a first transceiver node and a second transceiver node, and a speed transformer that includes a circuit to transform the address identifier of an inbound packet into the address identifier of an outbound first packet, doing so through the relationships that are mapped between the first transceiver node and the second

transceiver node, and to convert the address identifier of an inbound second packet into the address identifier of an outbound second packet, could have been invented with ease by an individual in the industry from the method of selecting transmission speeds for packet data according to the IEEE 1394 standard in Cited Example 1, where the node that has an optimal transmission rate is selected after comparing the transmission rates of various nodes in order to optimize the transmission rate of a data packet from the serial bus, and based on the IEEE-1394 interface control method in Cited Example 2 that prevents a drop in transmission efficiency on a bus by making the bus transmission speed variable through changing the speed of the data packet in the IEEE-1394 serial bus network, and thus there are no differences in either purpose or effect of the present application from the purpose and effect in the Cited Examples.

Attachments

Attachment 1: United States Patent Publication No. 5504757
(04/02/1996) (1 copy)

Attachment 2: Japanese Examined Patent Application
Publication Report H11-215161 (08/06/1999)
(1 copy)"

Applicant's statements regarding the Korean Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Korean Office Action.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and formally be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

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